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SPECIAL CENSUS AGENTS NAMED

Montpeller State Headquarters-To Collect Facts Concerning Activities

Montpeller, March 12.-State headuarters have been established in fontpeller, by the arrival of Chief Special Agent E. A. Anderson, for the department of the census bureau relating to manufacturing mines and mining, and the appointments of that branch have been announced. They are as follows: First district, Hersert F. Slayton, Washington county; second district, Leslie Collins, Chit enden and Addison countles; third listrict, David W. Johnson, Rutland ounty; fourth district, Carl J. Kilare, Renalization county; fifth disrict, O. B. Hughes, Windham county; exth district. Windsor, open: sevenh district, Arthur C. Theriault, Cale ionia county; eighth district, Edgar t. Fellows, Orleans and Essex counles; ninth district, Rhett J. Gates, trand isle, Franklin and Lamoille

This part of the consus service is entirely distinct from the population numeration, as it doals with the ectivities of the country, and will con ist of the facts pertaining to the capital invested in the various conerns, the number of employes, the crount of their wages, cost of materal, amount, kind and cost of the power used, and the value of the products out out.

Vermont is divided for convenience nto nine districts, all provided with special agents, except the sixth, Wind or county, where the man appointed refused to serve. It will probably ake from three to five months to compile this census department. Mr. Anderson is the chief special agent or New Hampshire and vermont and will have charge of all the special igents of the two states.

Mr. Anderson says of the work of

"The list of queries which have to be obtained have been printed in orms and many of them have been ent out to manufacturing concerns. out the majority of these question orms have not yet been placed in the rands of the special agents, who, as he general rule, will be expected to listribute them. The forms for this county were given to Mr. Slayton yeserday and all that he will have to do will be to mail them to their different iddresses, which have been placed thou them at the headquarters of this district by the clerks there. Then the special agent will pay a vist to these establishments. Some of them will, of course, be kind enough o have made or filled out the quesions asked, which will facilitate natters some, but others will have o be queried personally before the danks can be completed.

We expect that it will take from hree to five months to compile our rivision of the census, depending entrely on the place and on the agent. All of the southern states have alroady started in on this branch of the service, but the statistics cannot be aken in the North in the early part of the year, because of the climatic conditions, which, in the case of lum bering, for instance, can scarcely be iaken until after the drive. And so with a number of other industries."

VOTE FOR 'PHONE MERGERS

Members of Onlo House Accused of Being Swayed by Lobby

Columbus, Ohio, March 12.-One of ost remarkable incidents of the egislative session is the passage in he house of a bill permitting the nerger of competing telephone lines The bill which practically exempts telephone combinations from the pro-Islons of the Valentine auti-trust law went through by a vote of 50 to 50; It is freely charged that the telephone lobby controlled the situation and that money was used for the pas sage of the measure. The lobbyists are said to have swarmed in the lob by and galleries and to have shown remarkable boldness in approaching legislators.

If the bill passes the Senate and becomes a law telephone competition will almost be eliminated in Ohio. The impression prevails that if the bill does pass the Senare it will be verped by Governor Harmon.

AMERICAN WOMAN WINS

Mrs. Marks, of Cambridge, Mass. Gets \$1500 Shakespeare Prize.

London, March 12.-Josephine Pres ton Peabody (Mrs. Lionel Marks.) of Cambridge, Mass., has been awarded the prize of £300 offered by one of the governors of the Shakespeare Memorial Theater at Stratford-on Avon, for the best play submitted for production at the theater in compe fition with 615 plays sent In.

The reading committee selected two plays which were submitted to the Duke of Argyll. His decision wa in favor of Mrs. Marks. The play is entitled "The Piper". It deals with the old story of the Pied Piper of Hamelin. The play will be produced on May 5, when, according to the con ditions of the competition the prize will be presented to the successful authoress on the stage of the Memoral theater.

WIRELESS AT SPRINGFIELD

Initial Steps Taken Toward Establishing a Station

Springfield, March 12-Edward Baiey and Joseph Johnson have installed the first accessories of a wireless telegraph station which they hope to have in Springfield soon. A detector has been purchased and, by means of an aerial, which Joseph Johnson has constructed on the top of the bank block, they are able to hear telephones ring in various parts of the

The affair is hardly more than an experiment as yet, but if the instruments work well a complete amateur station will be installed. More in struments are to arrive later. If the station should be a success the operators have ambitions of constructing an aerial from the steeple of the Congregational church to the roof of the bank block, which would add much to the distance that could be I spanned by the wireless.

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PERT PARAGRAPHS. WHEN a man buys a plane he may not think so much of educating his daughters as he does of disciplining

his neighbors.

The average man thinks himself handsome enough to suit any girl. When he has the courage of his convictions we say, "How conceited!"

A pull at the city hall cuts more ice than papers showing that the family came over in the Maytlower.

The one fear that harasses a lazy man is that the scientists may find an anti-lazy virus and his wife will insist on experimenting in the family.

Fewer people would be pessimistic if they didn't have a fool notion acquired by listening to some base flatterer that the part becomes their dark, satanic beauty.

When hot air rushes through au empty head the noise is sometimes

People who need tonic for their spines can safely be classed among the hopeless invalids.

Uncertain.

The great, unfathemed mystery Is what her just ahead-What does tomorrow hold that comes With slow, soft footed tread? You know the tale of yesterday,

Its failure or success, But what is in the coming day You cannot even guess.

Vanished from your view. Or will it turn some different tricks And show you something new? Will life serency gilde along Just like a story book? Will it contain some sweet surprise, Or will you get the hook?

Most of the days that come along Are like the says that go
Or like some relillers of the line
All standing in a row.
When they have served their little time And tumbled in the ditch ft purries you in but a week To know just which was which.

But, ab, tomorrow-what of it? Will it he dull and tame. A day of contine and, in short, Another of the same,

Or will it be a day that lives, A landmark, tall and bright? What lies beyond that blackened ridge That marks the coming night?

Moving With the Times. "A man to get along these days must accommodate himself to conditious,"

"But suppose he can't?" "Then he must go by the board. There is Commor. He started in life running a delivery stable. Then be turned into a bicycle repair shop and next to a garage,"

'I suppose he is satisfied now?" "No; he is thinking of transforming it into an aeroplane station."

Explained. "You seem to be getting out rather early for you, Brown."

"Yes." "Feeling pretty spry, eh?"

"Naw!" "Then why this thusness?"

"The confounded bill collectors get around awfully early this year, and I Just have to beat them to the few doltars I have got."

Something Lacking. "I hear you went up into the woods for the first time since you were a

boy." "Yes; I took a brief hunting trip,"

"Things must have changed. Did you miss anything?"

"Just a bear, and it was one of the prettiest shets you ever saw too."

Satisfied. "But Edith said she would marry the best man on earth." "She didn't."

ry at all?" "She found something just as good." Getting at the Facts.

"But how did she ever come to mar-

"I regard Napoleon as the world's greatest general." "And why?"

"Well, he fought many a pitched battle," "Who was his pitcher?"

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